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Angela Yach, left, gets ready to cheer on Andrew Hammond and the Ottawa Senators with Rachael Maxwell, 16, centre, and Taylor Yach, 15, before Thursday night's game against the Boston Bruins at Canadian Tire Centre. The first 10,000 fans received Hamburglar masks courtesy of radio station TSN 1200. Hammond, a.k.a. the Hamburglar, has been a rookie sensation, leading the Sens back into the playoff picture. The Sens beat the Bruins 6-4. Story, page 24. MIKE CARROCCETTO/FOR METRO

Uber drivers hit with fines

Ride-sharing. 5 tickets for breaking bylaw worth about \$2,365

Three Uber drivers have been convicted of breaking the City of Ottawa's taxi bylaw.

According to city spokesman Michael Fitzpatrick, one of the drivers came to court to plead guilty on Tuesday, while the other two drivers have already paid their tickets. There were five tickets paid in total, he said.

The value of the tickets is approximately \$2,365.

In a written statement to Metro, Uber Canada said it supports its drivers "fully, financially" in these isolated enforcement initiatives, suggesting it paid for their tickets.

"We believe that by continuing to work collaboratively with all levels of government across the country, we will be able to establish a permanent regulatory framework for ride-sharing here in Canada, just as we have in 25 jurisdictions in North Amer-

ica," according to the statement.

The convictions come down as the city continues its undercover sting operations targeting Uber drivers, who are operating illegally according to current bylaws.

Four weeks ago, the city announced it had filed 18 additional charges since Feb. 9 against nine Uber drivers, bringing the total number of charges against the company's drivers to 44.

Uber's business is centred on a smartphone app that connects passengers with independent drivers based on their location.

The city said last month 23 individual drivers have been charged under municipal taxi bylaws since the company began operations in Ottawa in October 2014.

Uber, meanwhile, contends the crackdown on its drivers will only hurt consumers who are looking for alternative transportation services.

The city disagrees, saying the company is free to operate as long as its drivers are fully licensed with the city.

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Child porn charges

Toronto police tip leads to arrest of local man

A tip from a police force north of Toronto has led to an 18-year-old Ottawa man being charged with child pornography offences.

On Jan. 9, Ottawa police executed a search warrant at a home in Bells Corners and seized several computers and external hardware for forensic analysis.

According to information from York Regional Police, an Ottawa suspect was allegedly using an online file hosting service involving child pornography.

Police arrested Theodore Kocoris of Ottawa and charged him with three counts of possession of child pornography and two counts of making child pornography available.

Kocoris is scheduled to appear in court for a bail hearing Thursday.

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Crime

Man facing charges after U of O stabbing

An Ottawa man is facing three charges after another man was stabbed at the University of Ottawa, police announced on Thursday.

The stabbing was the result of a dispute between the two men just before 1:30 a.m. in the 100 block of University Private. The victim's injuries are not life-threatening, according to police.

Jean Robert Degazon, 37, is facing assault and weapons charges.

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Local basketball star gears up for first NCAA tourney

Sports. Marial Shayok will step into the biggest college basketball stage Friday



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It wasn't that long ago that Marial Shayok ruled basketball courts in Ottawa — leading the St. Patrick's Fighting Irish to a city championship in 2011 and leading the team in scoring for the three years he was there.

The Ottawa basketball star has his biggest night yet ahead of him Friday, as he steps into the NCAA March Madness Final Four tournament with the No. 2-ranked Virginia Cavaliers.

"I'm excited for big games with this team," said the six-foot-five, 207-pound freshman, who has 119 points and has averaged 3.7 points and 1.8 rebounds in 15 minutes per game this season.

"I think we can make a lot of noise. When we play well, I think we can beat anyone, so hopefully we can come out strong and be successful."

The Cavaliers will have to come out strong in a tournament of this scale when upsets are aplenty and 32 of the top American basketball teams are all fighting for the coveted NCAA National Championship trophy.

All eyes are on the number-one seeded Kentucky Wildcats as the team to beat, but one person who is putting his money on Virginia is Shayok's former St. Pat's coach Matt Koeslag.



Marial Shayok shoots during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game against Pittsburgh in Charlottesville, Va., on Monday, Feb. 16, 2015. Virginia won 61-49. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"When we play well, I think we can beat anyone."

Marial Shayok, on his upcoming game at NCAA March Madness Final Four Tournament.

He can't wait to watch his former player step onto the biggest college basketball stage Friday.

"I think their style of play they have played all year lends itself really well to the slowed-down grind-out style of March Madness," said Koeslag.

"I think they are well-equipped, their experience and the vets that have been there will play a big part, and then they have a lot of size in-

side and a lot of depth. I see them doing really well."

Koeslag and a few other teachers drove down to Syracuse recently to catch one of Shayok's games, and although it's not a surprise that the young guard was scooped by a Div. 1 school, it was still a bit overwhelming for the little high school coach.

"That was a bit of a surreal moment, because it's such a big stage to be on," added Koeslag.

"Just to get to see him play in the tournament, it's a really good feeling and it's nice to be able to be a part of the road that got him there. We are so proud of him."

It's the first NCAA March Madness game for Shayok, but he said he will draw on his former experiences with the St. Pats, where he learned how to remain calm in the face of adversity.

"I feel like as a freshman, you make mistakes you have to keep that attitude and keep that confidence," added Shayok.

The Virginia Cavaliers take on the Belmont Bruins at 3:10 p.m. Friday.

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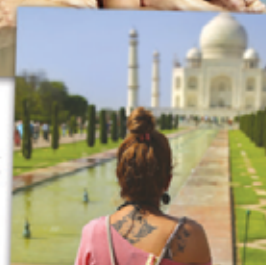
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Brian Murray hopes to use cancer diagnosis for good

Bryan Murray has devoted almost his entire adult life to hockey. He wants much of the rest of it to be about saving lives.

The 72-year-old Ottawa Senators general manager revealed his Stage 4 colon cancer diagnosis in November in hopes of getting word out about early detection.

Dr. Robin Boushey told Murray: "Just by doing what you did, we've had 30-year-old men come in. We've caught numerous cases of guys that have early stages of cancer."

Nephew Tim Murray, general manager of the Buffalo Sabres, got his colonoscopy Jan. 21. He isn't the only one to do so because of Bryan.

"He is such a recognized face in hockey that his message touched a lot of people," Tim Murray said. "We had waves of mail and text messages expressing the fact that people were able to detect their colon cancer at an early stage after getting tested as a result of Bryan going out publicly. Saving one life is huge. How many will he be able to save?"

Murray, who was honoured Monday night in Boca Raton, Fla., by colleagues for career achievements, is undergoing chemotherapy. His doctor told him he's "not getting any better," but he has been cleared to stay active and do his job.

Murray has coached or managed in hockey for more than 40 years. He has coached Washington, Detroit, Florida, Anaheim and Ottawa. In addition to the Senators, he has been a general manager with Anaheim, Florida and Detroit. But he wants cancer awareness to be his legacy, and he spoke about it at the dinner in his honour.

"We have high profiles," Murray said, referring to NHL general managers. "So if you can help, whether through a message you make or through your organization to help people, there's so many people affected, so many young people affected."

Nashville Predators GM David Poile said Murray is "serving a higher purpose" by speaking about the disease.

Former GM Doug MacLean talked to his close friend and mentor when he was diagnosed. Now they talk about the sport they've spent so much time in.

"He said to me a couple of times, 'I'm doing some things now, I'm spending more time with the girls,'" MacLean said. "He's been to Colorado a few times where both his daughters live. He said, 'I'm doing more of those things that I should've done before.' But then it's right back to hockey."

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Ottawa Senators general manager Bryan Murray pauses during a press conference in Ottawa on Dec. 8, 2014. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS



Giovanna Mingarelli at her home in the ByWard Market with French bulldog Faya, who stars in the promo video for her app PlayMC2. HALEY RITCHIE/FOR METRO

New app is all about love, money and glory

Motivation. Users photograph positive 'micro-actions,' like walking the dog, and in exchange they get points, badges, prizes or coupons

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Giovanna Mingarelli is an Ottawa entrepreneur who wants to build a better Canada by taking advantage of our greatest motivators: Love, money and glory.

She created an app that

rewards people for positive actions through points that can lead to prizes and coupons.

She's still approaching companies to get involved.

Mingarelli launched a crowdfunding campaign March 12 to fund the PlayMC2 app, which is both an online game and a social network.

Users photograph and upload "micro-actions" like walking the dog, voting in elections or exercising. In exchange they get points, badges and sometimes prizes or coupons.

"Our goal is to make life a game that we play, and also make every day more positive and inspiring," she

said.

Users can click on a hashtag to see who else around the world has done the same activity. Like the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge or #NoMakeUpSelfie, the hope is that small trends will encourage others to copy.

"It's really about the spiral effect — doing something you love and inspiring other people to do it," said Mingarelli.

When it was live in the testing phase, Mingarelli said the app had a few hundred active users. The group is currently trying to raise \$35,000 on Indiegogo to finish and launch the full app.

Mike Mulvey, a marketing professor at the Uni-

versity of Ottawa, said the app might be a great way to motivate people, although there is "a risk in self-aggrandizement" if there's too much focus on the prizes.

"If companies perhaps gave coupons to honour things that they truly care about and are engaged in, then it would give it a sense of authenticity and legitimacy," he said. "If there's no connection there, then they may be more susceptible to criticism."

"I think that's part of positive social media model — it's not the initial acts, but the potential for these good acts to perpetuate and spread and get people involved," he said.

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Ottawa father gunning for Big Brother

Television. 31-year-old construction worker first resident from the capital to be on Canadian reality series



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Most wives wouldn't be supportive of their husbands taking off for two months with two young kids at home, but when there's \$100,000 on the line Emily Ielo says she has to "take one for team."

Her husband, Bruno Ielo, surprised his family this week when they were asked to tune into ET Canada to find out he made the cut as a house guest on the third season of Big Brother Canada.

The 31-year-old construction worker and Big Brother fanatic is the first Ottawa resident to be on the Canadian reality series, which premieres Monday at 8 p.m. Eastern Time on Global.

"This was his dream, for sure. He's talked about this since pretty much when we

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"He's watched it forever. He studied it; he knows it in and out. Even when it was on in the States, he said one day, 'I'm going to be on there.'"

Bruno Ielo's younger brother, Thomas

met," Emily told Metro on Thursday.

Bruno's younger brother Thomas said if anyone from Ottawa were to make it on the show, it would be him.

"He's watched it forever. He studied it; he knows it in and out. Even when it was in the States he said one day, 'I'm going to be on there,'" he said.

"He's not somebody that allows people to portray him in any other way. He's not a fake."

But to win he has to be smart, strategic and willing to do anything to outwit the other 15 house guests, which, as his wife explained, shouldn't be a problem.

"He's the best strategic gamer in life. If we play Monopoly, he wins even when every-

body gangs up against him," she said. "He can do that with any game."

In a pre-game interview with Global, he described himself as a "world-class gamer" who also has a black belt in karate.

While he shied away from disclosing a strategy going into the show, he confessed he's willing to "cheat, steal, scratch, claw" his way to the top.

Throughout the season, viewers can follow tweets from the @BBCan3Bruno, which is operated by his family.

Unlike previous guests, Thomas said his big brother is not in it for the fame. His single motivation is to support his wife and two boys, six-month-old Dominic and two-and-a-half-year-old Damian.

As the excitement builds in the Ielo household for the premiere, Thomas said he's not concerned with the behind-the-scenes editing that goes on in reality TV and how his brother might be portrayed.

"Bruno is one of those guys, everybody loves him. He's a charmer. I don't think that they can portray him in any other way than his true colours," he said.



Bruno Ielo with his wife, Emily, and their two sons Dominic, left, and Damian at Jacques Cartier Park during Winterlude 2015. ANNA SAUVE/FOR METRO

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Students raise cash for accessible gear

Carleton. Aspiring Paralympic athlete starts campaign for accessible equipment at school gym

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A group of Carleton students is raising money online to purchase a wheelchair accessible chest press for the school gym.

Carleton's gym is somewhat accessible after a renovation two years ago. It has an accessible recumbent bike, a rope-climbing machine and aisles wide enough for a wheelchair.

But besides free weights, there isn't a whole lot of gear that Brett Babcock — an aspiring Paralympic athlete at the school — can use.

Babcock is a former national trampolinist who suffered a spinal injury in 2012 and had to start his athletic career again as a quadriplegic. Now he focuses on Paralympic track and field while attending Carleton for communications and disability studies.

"It was hard to lose that, but getting back into a different sport feels good," he said.

For now, Babcock mostly works out in his room, but he misses the atmosphere of being around other athletes.

"Being the only person in a wheelchair at the gym is a little difficult. You have to be a pretty confident in gen-



Carleton student Brett Babcock has limited use of his hands, but can still work out with free weights and accessible machines. COURTESY BRETT BABCOCK

eral," he said.

Babcock reached out to the university's Disability Awareness Centre and started the campaign with Arif Jaffer, one of the co-ordinators of the centre.

"Our mandate is to ensure that every student who comes to Carleton no matter the life they come from," said Jaffer.

The machine he wants to purchase for the gym looks like a regular chest press, but the seat swings out to allow a

wheelchair user to roll in.

It will cost around \$6,500, the amount being raised through Carleton's Future-Funder system. They've already raised a third of the goal.

"We have a student who's in a power wheelchair, but also on the varsity swim team," said Jaffer. "She said 'The second I hop into the pool I become an equal.' That's what it comes down to; there's so much less of a divide than people think."

U of O to screen rape culture film

The University of Ottawa will host a free screening of The Hunting Ground, a documentary profiling rape culture on post-secondary campuses in the U.S. — an event that has some women hoping it will help open a dialogue about sexual assault on Ottawa campuses.

The film, premiered at the 2015 Sundance Film Festival to a standing ovation, will be screened on March 26 in the Faculty of Law. This will be one of the first times the movie is shown in Canada.

"It's great that we are getting to see it," said Julie

Lalonde, a Carleton graduate and feminist activist. "What we've seen over the past few months is that sexual assault is an issue in Ottawa schools."

Tara Henderson, from the Ottawa Rape Crisis Centre, considers sexual assault and misogyny on Ottawa campuses to be an "extremely important and quite pervasive" issue.

According to Henderson, university is the most important time to educate young people about the pitfalls of misogyny and rape culture because it's a time when they are learning about leadership

and governance already.

Henderson says that to make campuses safer, third-party support systems should be introduced and victims need to stop being blamed when they are sexually assaulted.

"It puts the responsibility of the crime on the victim, which is ridiculous. That's something you would never do that with any other crime," said Henderson. "I hope screening these kinds of documentaries and facilitating conversation will push back against that."

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Ontario minimum wage to rise to \$11.25 in October

Ontario's minimum wage will rise to \$11.25 an hour starting Oct. 1, making it the second-highest rate in the country after the Northwest Territories.

The Liberal government enacted legislation in the fall that tied minimum wage to inflation, so every year the new rate will be announced by April 1 to take effect that

October.

While the general minimum wage increases from the current \$11, the minimum wage for students increases to \$10.55 and for liquor servers it rises to \$9.80.

The Ministry of Labour says this is the ninth minimum wage increase since the Liberals took power in 2003.

The Northwest Territories' minimum wage will be increased to \$12.50 in June, making it the highest rate in the country.

British Columbia also announced an increase in its minimum wage last week, a rise of 20 cents in September to \$10.45 as a result of indexing to B.C.'s consumer price index. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

At a glance

Here's a list of minimum wages in Canada:

- **British Columbia:** Currently \$10.25 for most workers and \$9 for those serving alcohol; increasing to \$10.45 and \$9.20, respectively, in September.
- **Alberta:** \$10.20 or \$9.20 for workers who serve alcohol.
- **Saskatchewan:** \$10.20.
- **Manitoba:** \$10.70.

- **Ontario:** Currently \$11; \$10.30 for students under 18 and \$9.55 for workers serving alcohol; increases to \$11.25, \$10.55 and \$9.80, respectively, in October.
- **Quebec:** \$10.35 or \$8.90 for workers who receive tips; increasing to \$10.55 and \$9.05, respectively, in May.
- **New Brunswick:** \$10.30.
- **Nova Scotia:** \$10.40 an hour for most workers and \$9.90 for "inexperienced" workers;

increasing to \$10.60 and \$10.10, respectively, in April.

- **Prince Edward Island:** \$10.35, increasing to \$10.50 in July.
- **Newfoundland and Labrador:** \$10.25, increasing to \$10.50 in October.
- **Yukon:** \$10.72, increasing to \$10.86 in April.
- **Northwest Territories:** \$10, increasing to \$12.50 in June.



Local architects are responding to pundit Rick Mercer's criticism of the planned Memorial to the Victims of Communism to be built in downtown Ottawa. CONTRIBUTED

Architects question communist memorial

Design. Structure set to honour victims of the socioeconomic system

Local architects are responding to pundit Rick Mercer's criticism of the planned Memorial to the Victims of Communism to be built in downtown Ottawa — and they don't seem to love it, either.

Toon Dreessen, chairman of the Ontario Association of Architects, said the location of the memorial, previously planned for a Federal Court building, had not been properly considered.

"I think that the scale, size and sighting of a location for a memorial needs to be contemplative of what it's attempting to commemorate," said Dreessen, who suggests that a memorial with a singular message doesn't fit in with the law buildings, where ideas are discussed with complexity.

Barry Padolsky, with Associates Inc. Architects in Ottawa, also objects to the location. The land is worth an estimated \$30 million.

"What it seems is that, for political reasons, the prime minister and some cabinet ministers have arbitrarily chosen to offer this site," said architect Barry Padolsky. "They appear to be oblivious to the master planning for the parliamentary and judicial precincts."

During his latest signature rant on Tuesday's Rick Mercer Report, the comedian accused federal cabinet minister Jason Kenney and former MP John Baird of going "behind closed doors" to secure land near the Supreme Court of Canada for the memorial.

"The entire thing is shrouded in so much mystery it's almost like they took inspiration from the communist countries the memorial is condemning," said Mercer.

Mercer described the size of the memorial in comparison to the National War Memorial as "just weird" and

At a glance

The Communist Party of Canada has opposed the memorial since 2009, viewing it as an affront to communism based on "fictitious figures."

accused the government of having impure motives.

"What is true is this government, for all their talk of transparency, allowed two cabinet ministers to decide, without any consultation, that the War Memorial should be a poor cousin," he said. "This is nothing but a nervous government trying desperately to cement themselves in history before it's too late."

Both ABSTRAKT Studio, the designers of the memorial, and Ludwik Klimkowski, chair of Tribute to Liberty a group that supports it, refused to comment on Mercer's rant. Kenney's office did not reply to an inquiry for comment.

NICHOLAS HODGE/FOR METRO



"It will honour the victims of communism, entirely appropriate, but everything about this story is completely bizarre." Comedian Rick Mercer




"They are sterilizing a piece of land that is extremely valuable." Barry Padolsky Architect



"This site has been earmarked for decades as the site of a federal institution."

Toon Dreessen
Ontario Association of Architects Chair



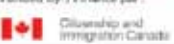

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Canadian found dead on beach

A Canadian man has been found beaten to death on a beach at the Mexican resort of Los Cabos.

Prosecutors in the state of Baja California Sur say the 50-year-old man appears to have been beaten with a blunt object. The state prosecutors' office said Wednesday that the cause of death was severe head trauma and a skull fracture. His body was found early Wednesday on the El Tule beach. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Quebec

Supreme Court rules in favour of Jesuit school

The Supreme Court of Canada disagreed over subtleties but upheld the religious freedom of a Montreal Jesuit school's right to teach Catholicism as it deems fit. The court decided the province infringed on the school's religious freedoms by denying it an exemption from following secular laws. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Florida

Department of health withdraws order against spa

The Florida Department of Health has withdrawn cease-and-desist orders against a health spa where two Ontario aboriginal girls were treated. The department sent cease-and-desist letters in February, believing they weren't licensed when the two Ontario aboriginal girls were treated there. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Kamloops, B.C.

Man's request to reunite with pot plants denied

A provincial court judge has denied a Kamloops, B.C. man's application to be reunited with 10 medicinal pot plants seized by the RCMP last summer. Judge Roy Dickey sympathized with Henry Rhode's plight but said he was breaking the law by growing at an unapproved site without a licence. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Couple shares first dance as newlyweds at ACC

Jennifer Rogers, right, and Scott Protomanni (No. 19) enjoy their first dance after tying the knot at the Toronto Maple Leafs' Blue & White Wedding, the first wedding ever at the Air Canada Centre, in Toronto on Thursday. By way of fan votes and a selection committee, Jennifer and Scott triumphed over hundreds of wedding hopefuls through a contest on MapleLeafs.com. **AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Brian Sinclair. Inquest recommendations may take years to enact: Report

Many recommendations from an inquest into an aboriginal man's death following a 34-hour wait in a Winnipeg hospital emergency room will take years to implement.

That's the conclusion of a team sifting through the 63 suggestions from the Brian Sinclair inquest.

In an interim report, the team highlights some recommendations that could be put into practice quickly but acknowledged that many of them will take longer to incorporate.

The report says it will take up to two years to decide on such measures as whether it's appropriate to have an aboriginal elder and a security guard posted in emergency departments. Other recommendations — such as ensuring staff intervene when a patient starts vomiting in a waiting room — can be implemented sooner.

Sinclair, a 45-year-old double-amputee, died of a treatable bladder infection while waiting for care just over six years ago at Winnipeg's Health Sciences Centre.

Quoted

"Through collective efforts, dedication and commitment, Manitoba health-care organizations can work to prevent tragedies, such as the death of Mr. Sinclair."

A statement from the interim report investigating the death of an aboriginal man who waited 34 hours in a hospital for care. He later died from a treatable bladder infection.

Sinclair spoke to a triage aide before wheeling himself into the waiting room, but he was never seen by a triage nurse nor was he registered as a patient.

He languished in the emergency room for hours, vomiting and slowly dying. He was never asked if he was waiting for medical care.

Some staff testified that they assumed he was drunk or homeless.

By the time he was discovered dead, rigor mortis had set in.

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Tories seek support for ISIL mission

Politics. Federal Conservatives plan to ask opposition parties to support extension

In a challenge to the opposition, Foreign Affairs Minister Rob Nicholson said Thursday the government wants all-party backing of a motion to extend the military mission against extremists in Iraq and Syria.

Nicholson made the call for unity in a speech to several dozen Ottawa-based foreign diplomats who were invited to Foreign Affairs headquarters. He emphasized the threat that the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) directly poses to Canada and its allies.

The speech was Nicholson's first in his new portfolio and came a day after Prime Minis-

ter Stephen Harper announced he will ask Parliament next week to expand the military mission.

Nicholson said he was proud of the decision to extend the mission and of "the moral clarity" Harper possesses.

"I can also tell you that he will ask all parties to come together as Canadians," Nicholson said.

NDP foreign affairs critic Paul Dewar said his party wants to support civilians at risk from ISIL's advances but he accused the government of not being transparent about what the military mission entails.

"There is so little definition as to what our role is there, our strategy is," said Dewar.

Nicholson said Canada must expand the mission because ISIL poses a continuing threat that will grow if left unchecked. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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NEWDRONEWORLD Metro looks at how drone technology is changing the skies in Canada

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They're in the zone, flying drones

Recreation. Cheaper costs and increased acceptance have led to a surge in hobby droning



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Alexander Knight readies his drone by turning a switch on his remote control. The propellers make a loud humming noise as the drone takes off. He flies it higher and higher until it's a small black dot against a blue sky.

"You just need to be able to see it," he says, pointing at the horizon.

Knight, a self-styled citizen journalist, drives around Toronto documenting what he might deem as environmental hazards. He then blogs his experiences at alexanderknight.ca. It's a hobby for him. He makes no income off it.

Today, he's observing the cleanup of what he says is contamination from a rezoned industrial plant — and is happy to find, during the 15-minute flight, that the cleanup is finished.

With drones coming in at cheaper prices, it's now easier than ever to acquire and fly one. On Amazon, a Phantom DJI quadcopter with a GoPro camera costs around \$1,000, and the Parrot AR drones start at around \$500 and can go up to \$900. On the lower end, HubSan models cost around \$100 to \$200, though their camera capabilities are more limited.



Drone enthusiast Alexander Knight points to an image on a screen while his drone (not pictured) flies over a field in Toronto. IRA LAMCJA/METRO

The price, along with increasing cultural acceptance, has led to a new pastime of hobby droning. Aerial photography and videography are popular choices, as Twitter and Instagram will attest. #Droneselfies is devoted to aerial images of people taken from up above. Even Martha Stewart is a fan.

The trend has left Transport Canada scrambling to rein in hobbyists who stray too far. The most pressing concern for the agency has been daredevil flyers operating too close to airports, which can interfere with commercial airline planes. Transport Canada's new rules limit this, as hobbyists can no longer fly closer than nine kilometres from any airport,

heliport or aerodrome.

Knight says he hasn't had issues with Transport Canada but he worries that may change as regulations try to keep up with the advancing technology.

Patrick Dinnen, however, has had to rein in his photographic pursuits. The "creative technologist" based in Toronto had been experimenting with lightwriting — the photographing of trails of light through long exposure settings — when he bought a Phantom DJI drone.

One night he and two friends, Brent Marshall and Dré Labre, attached custom LED lights to the drone and flew it over various Toronto parks, turning on the camera and capturing its flight path,

exposing trails of ethereal light and colour. They dubbed the paintings Weird Illuminated Sky Paintings (WISPs).

"What we did with WISP is not really open to us anymore," Dinnen says, as Transport Canada no longer allows nighttime flying for hobbyists.

But for some enthusiasts, the appeal is the drone itself, as many have taken to making their own.

Knight orders the parts for his drones online through websites such as eBay. And there are resources among the hobbyist community to help those who need it.

DYIdrones.com, a U.S.-based website devoted to connecting drone fans with peers, functions as a social

network for hobbyists and amateur enthusiasts.

The site's goal is to make drone development easier and cheaper for everyone while educating people on the technology. Discussions on the site can feature anything from where to buy certain parts to how to assemble a drone.

The cost of making a drone is usually lower than buying an off-the-shelf product, and assembly doesn't require advanced knowledge of mechanics or robotics.

Some Canadian retailers have popped up and begun offering drone parts for hobbyists. Canada Drones, founded four years ago by Dany Thivierge in Mississauga, Ont., started out with the on-



Weird Illuminated Sky Paintings (WISPs) were created with drones and LEDs. CONTRIBUTED

line community at DIYdrones.com. Thivierge realized there was a real need to supply parts to his "fellow geeks." Today, Thivierge counts almost 4,000 customers.

"The growth is what surprised me the most," he says, adding that his sales are well over the million-dollar goal that many businesspeople have when first starting out.

Thivierge is optimistic for future sales in the summer, hinting at some "exciting products" on the way.

"People keep surprising me with never-before-imagined applications for this technology," he says.

In pictures: Metro's Ira Lamacja tests a Parrot drone



1 Remote. Works on most devices

Flying the Parrot AR drone is serious business. I used an iPad most of the time as a remote control but you can also use an iPhone as well as an Android phone or tablet.

2 Camera. Decent, by 2000s standards

The image quality on the camera attached to this drone is surprisingly good. A great deal of detail is captured, and although there is pixelation when the images are enlarged, the photos are still clear, resembling cellphone images from the early 2000s.

3 Handling. Beware of tight spaces

With time, practice and many crash scenes, piloting becomes easier and more instinctive. The Parrot's Styrofoam protection makes it ideal for flying indoors, but beware of flying in small or tight spaces. While the flip function is available, allowing the drone to somersault in the air, I don't recommend it indoors. I tried it once and took out the light in my living room. The Parrot survived.



Church's Chicken and a KFC are seen in Los Angeles on Wednesday. An L.A. ordinance designed to curb obesity in low-income areas by restricting the opening of new fast-food restaurants has failed to reduce fast-food consumption or obesity in the neighbourhoods, according to a new study. DAMIAN DOVARGANES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obesity rates rise despite laws: Study

Health. L.A. hoped to improve diets by restricting the opening of some restaurants

A much-hailed law that restricted the opening of new standalone fast-food restaurants in one of the poorest sections of Los Angeles did not curb obesity or improve diets, a new study found.

City lawmakers passed the zoning ordinance in 2008 that limited the opening or expansion of fast-food outlets in a 32-square-mile area south of Interstate 10 that struggles with high obesity rates and other health problems.

Quoted
“There’s no evidence that diets have improved more in South L.A.”

Roland Sturm, Rand senior economist

The law, believed to be the first effort of its kind by a major city to improve public health, did not ban new eateries in strip malls.

The research by the Rand Corp. think-tank found that obesity rates in South Los Angeles continued to rise after passage of the law.

Health experts said a single intervention would not reverse the obesity problem. People also have

to exercise and make lifestyle changes, they said.

“It’s not just about limiting unhealthy food but increasing access to healthy food,” said Alex Ortega, a professor of public health at the University of California, Los Angeles, who had no role in the study.

Before the fast-food ordinance, 63 per cent of South Los Angeles residents reported being overweight or obese compared with 57 per cent in other parts of the county. Three years after the ordinance went into effect, 75 per cent of South Los Angeles residents reported being overweight or obese.

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Netanyahu tones down the hardline rhetoric

Days after winning re-election, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday backtracked from hardline statements against the establishment of a Palestinian state in the face of a diplomatic backlash.

In the closing days of his campaign, Netanyahu said there could be no Palestinian state while regional violence and chaos persist — conditions that could rule out progress on the issue for many years. The comments, aimed at appealing to his nationalist voter base, angered the Obama administration, which views a two-state solution as a top foreign policy priority.

Netanyahu said in a TV interview Thursday that he remains committed to Palestinian statehood — if conditions in the region improve



Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, seen Thursday at a special meeting of Palestinian leadership, says he doesn't see a serious attempt by Israel to work toward a two-state solution. MAJDI MOHAMMED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

— and to the two-state vision first spelled out in a landmark 2009 speech at Israel’s Bar Ilan University.

“I haven’t changed my policy,” he said in a full interview with MSNBC’s Andrea Mitchell Reports, excerpts of

Split remains

The outcome of the Israeli election will only deepen polarization, experts say.

- Benjamin Netanyahu’s anti-Arab campaign rhetoric and his rejection of a Palestinian state, they say, will further splinter American Jews into hard left and right camps, and intensify conflicts over what it means to be loyal to the Jewish state.

which were to be shown on NBC’s Nightly News later on. “I never retracted my speech.”

At the time, he said he would agree to a demilitarized Palestinian state that recognizes Israel as a Jewish state. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tunisia

ISIL takes credit for deadly attack

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility Thursday for the attack that killed 21 people at a museum. But Tunisian authorities said the two slain gunmen had no clear links to extremists, and analysts said existing militant cells are merely being inspired by the group.

Police announced the arrest of five people described as directly tied to the two gunmen who opened fire Wednesday at the National Bardo Museum.

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Colorado

Woman accused of cutting open pregnant stranger

Documents show a woman accused of cutting open a pregnant woman and removing her unborn baby had told her own family she was pregnant.

The documents obtained Thursday say suspect Dynel Lane asked her husband to accompany her to a pre-natal appointment on Wednesday.

When he came home, the documents say she reported having a miscarriage and showed him a baby gasping for breath in a bathtub. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Norway

Tourist dragged by polar bear

A polar bear dragged a Czech tourist out of his tent as he slept on a remote Arctic island, clawing his back before being driven away by gunshots.

“It was going for my head. I used my hands to protect my head,” Jakub Moravec told The Associated Press from his hospital bed.

Zuzana Hakova, a member of the group sleeping in a different tent, told a local newspaper that her mother shot three times at the bear, prompting the animal to flee.

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CRTC requires \$25 'skinny basic' TV

Cable and satellite. Regulator also orders service providers to offer pick-and-pay or small bundle packages

Cable and satellite service providers will soon have to offer consumers an "entry-level" television service at a cost of no more than \$25 a month.

Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission released the new requirements on Thursday, following its lengthy Let's Talk TV hearings last fall.

The new, trimmed-down

basic packages must include local channels in each service area, as well as channels currently on the CRTC's mandatory distribution list such as public interest, educational and legislature channels where they're available.

U.S.-based channels that are currently free over the air in most major Canadian markets near the border — so-called 4-plus-1 channels — will also be included.

It's the first time television service pricing has been regulated in Canada since 1999 and makes it the only jurisdiction in the industrialized world to require that TV distribution companies offer a basic selection of channels.

The national broadcast regulator says the requirement to offer a trimmed-down basic package will take effect by March 2016.

The CRTC says TV viewers will then be able to supplement the so-called "skinny basic" package with either individual channels available through a pick-and-pay model, or what it calls small, "reasonably priced" bundled channel packages. But service providers will have until the end of next year to offer both a la carte channels and theme packages.

Customers who are happy with their current TV offerings won't have to switch.

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Food

Giant doughnut flies off shelves

A Southern California doughnut shop has come up with yet another guilty pleasure gone viral: a gigantic doughnut stuffed with a Pop Tart filling.

Donut Bar, with outlets in Fountain Valley and San Diego, calls the one-pound creation the Big Poppa Tart Donut.

Donut Bar sells about 150 of the doughnuts daily, at \$4 US each.

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Retail

Target getting \$1.6B tax break

Target Corp.'s swift exit from Canada will reap about \$1.6 billion US in tax breaks for the retailer in the United States, according to documents filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

The filings say Target made a "strategic shift" in its business when it chose to exit Canada.

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Transportation

More Uber cars than cabs in N.Y.C.

New York City's storied yellow cabs are taking a back seat to black cars.

Uber cars, often black sedans, now outnumber the yellow taxis that city riders have hailed with a whistle for generations. Figures released by the city's Taxi and Limousine Commission show 14,088 registered Uber cars compared with 13,587 yellow cabs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



D&G boycott gains momentum

Protesters rally outside the Dolce & Gabbana store in London on Thursday. Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana denigrated surrogacy and same-sex parents in an interview with an Italian magazine last week, prompting Elton John to call for a boycott of the brand. Stars including Martina Navratilova and talk-show host Andy Cohen quickly hopped on board. TIM IRELAND/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

South Dakota's tiny capital gets spot on new version of Monopoly

Pierre, the tiny South Dakota capital pronounced "peer" by its roughly 14,000 residents, will hold the top spot in a new version of Monopoly featuring U.S. cities coming out this fall. Pierre and 21 other cities will replace the properties in the original 1935 game named after places in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Hasbro Inc. left it to voters to choose which cities would appear in this version and another that will feature the names of world cities. More

Quoted

"We got the community engaged ..."

Laurie Gill, who serves as mayor of Pierre outside of her day job. She was talking about the massive campaign to get South Dakotans to help land Pierre on the board.

than four million votes were cast, and Pierre, the second-smallest state capital, came out first.

The idea of adorning the world-famous monopoly

board with Pierre, an old government town whose Capitol building still has saloon-style doors on the bathroom stalls, captivated local officials, media and residents.

The city's part-time mayor Laurie Gill took to the local radio stations, teachers developed class activities around the contest and the state tourism department sent out social media blasts encouraging South Dakotans to help land Pierre on the board.

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VOICES

SILENCE DOESN'T LEAD TO CHANGE



THE KOHLER REPORT

By Rebecca Kohler

Would you like a biscotti with your coffee or would you prefer a conversation about a white cop shooting a black man in Ferguson? They'd both give you something to chew on.

If you haven't heard, Starbucks has launched an awareness campaign called Race Together in which they're asking their baristas in U.S. stores to strike up conversations with customers about race relations. (If you're wondering if Pumpkin Spice is considered a race, it's not.)

The good news is that people of all races have united on social media in HATING this idea, so maybe that's a great start?

I don't like to be a fence-sitter, but I'm really torn on this one. Part of me likes it, the other part is ever so slightly throwing up in my mouth. Let's discuss.

The cynical, vomitus side of me sees this is a corporation possibly capitalizing on the idea of discrimination. "Hey! Maybe if we act like we care about this issue, people will buy more rustic egg-white breakfast sandwiches!... Oh no, is it racist to say egg-white? Change that to no-yolk."

This reminds me of Bell's Let's Talk campaign, which was Bell Canada's way of raising awareness about mental illness.

While I'm all for hearing about people's struggles with depression, etc. (I have my own), it turned my tum to see them hashtag their stories on Facebook with the phone company's name.

Should an admission of having felt suicidal double as an advertisement for an Internet service provider?

There's also just the fact that this idea seems impractical.

What happens if a discussion gets deep and the barista can't keep up with the orders? If Race Together were happening in Canada and I was in line, I wouldn't want to find myself resenting a well-meaning conversation about whether or not a niqab is appropriate attire for a Canadian citizenship ceremony.

And I'm usually in a rush when I go to Starbucks — I wouldn't want to look flippant should someone ask me about Canada's treatment of indigenous people: "Yeah, yeah, it's terrible. Gotta go!"

Then there's the part of me that thinks this is a great idea that should be commended and a lead that should be followed.

Let's talk ... but maybe not right now

I'm usually in a rush when I go to Starbucks — I wouldn't want to look flippant should someone ask me about Canada's treatment of indigenous people: "Yeah, yeah, it's terrible. Gotta go!"

No, it's not perfect, in that, as many have pointed out, the baristas aren't race-relations experts and the Starbucks customer demographic is largely young and privileged.

But does that mean they just shouldn't talk? Is that ever a better solution? Maybe if they talk to each other they will learn things. There was a time I didn't know how to tie my shoes — should I have kept silent on the matter because I was an ignoramus?

No. Had I not conversed about laces with my parents, I'd be tripping all over myself to this day.

Like with the Bell Let's Talk campaign — at least people were talking, right? The more this

stuff gets talked about, the better. Discussions spark thoughts, questions and curiosities. Convo in Starbucks will bleed into the workplace and home. Silence doesn't lead to change; conversations do.

This softer side of me also believes that the man behind this ideological plan, Starbucks chief executive Howard Schultz, is genuinely trying to do a good thing (while also selling scones).

Others aren't so convinced, wanting to know, for instance, if he's so "concerned," why only 16 per cent of Starbucks executives are people of colour?

Well, that's an interesting statistic. Maybe that's the kind of thing you could discuss with a barista at Starbucks — a barista who might then discuss it with her manager who might mention the conversation at an annual Starbucks conference.

Maybe it'll get into Howard Schultz's ear and he'll take it to heart and make change? Or, yeah, I guess we could just not talk at all.

Rebecca Kohler is a stand-up comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter @becca_kohler

Happy face/Sad face

From cooking in Walmart to getting kicked out of Ikea, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week:



METH LAB BUST AT WALMART

Where's the health-and-safety committee when you need it? A Walmart washroom in Indiana was shut down after an employee discovered a mobile meth lab inside a backpack left there. Perhaps the weirdest part of this story is that this was not an isolated incident, with others cooking up a storm at various Walmarts over the years. Police say mobile labs are a growing trend with those who'd rather not risk the chance of explosions in their own homes. Still, we don't think this is what the Walmart people meant by Save Money, Live Better.



A CLASSIC TAIL

Dear heartbroken person whose beloved pet went missing: we hope you will find some measure of comfort in this story. Kevin the orange tabby went AWOL in South Carolina a few years back but turned up in Palm Springs this week when a woman found him hitched to her U-Haul trailer. Once reunited with Kevin, his owner joked that he's seen more of the country than she has. But if Kevin has taught her — and us — anything, surely it's that there is always hope.



BUDDHA BAN

In a move that's about as far from enlightenment as you can get, three men in Myanmar will spend the next two and a half years in prison for posting an image of Buddha wearing headphones on their Facebook page. After getting complaints, the trio apologized for their "ignorance," but that didn't stop the judge from convicting them of denigrating the religion. In a small, symbolic act of solidarity, we're republishing the offending image here.



CONSUMERS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN

Ikea always seemed like such a fun company with their ball rooms, delightfully — albeit suspiciously — cheap breakfasts and the über-funky spellings. But even cool corporations have their limits. The Swedish multinational drew its line in the sand with giant hide-and-seek parties in the Netherlands that drew thousands to Ikea stores. The furniture giant said that while it doesn't like being a spoilsport, safety comes first. We're not sure where the party is being moved to, but it's probably best they steer clear of Walmarts in Indiana for the time being.



BELLE ÉPOQUE

Model life: now with more croissants. If France passes a proposed law, it'll join other countries like Spain, Italy and Israel in banning the use of extremely thin models in the fashion industry. The legislation would require agencies to get medical certificates from models to prove that they have a healthy BMI, and models would have to get routine checkups.



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Penning a list of Sean's great roles

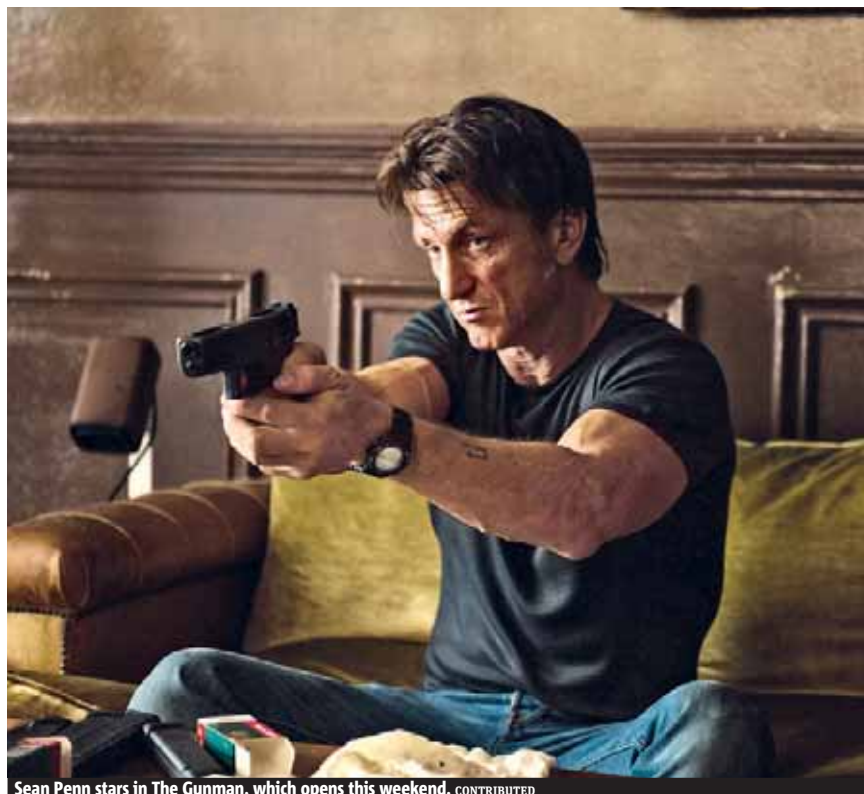
Analysis. The *Gunman* star says he forgets films he's worked on within a week of wrapping. Here's a rundown to jog his memory

Sean Penn is back on the big screen this weekend in *The Gunman*, his first leading role in almost four years. It can't rightly be called a comeback because he never really went away. Supporting roles in *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty* and *Gangster Squad* have generated column inches, but in the last five years he has devoted more energy to raising money for earthquake relief in Haiti than being a movie star.

In the film, he plays Special Forces military contractor Jim Terrier. By day he protects foreign workers in the Democratic Republic of Congo, but he moonlights as a hired gunman for big corporations. His assassination of the Congolese Mining Minister forces him to flee the country and changes the course of his entire life.

It's what Penn jokingly calls "geriaction," an action movie starring a middle-aged actor. Other than that, don't expect to hear him speak a great deal about his new film. "Honestly within a week after I've finished shooting a film I've almost forgotten it," he said recently.

In February he was honoured with an honorary César Award for "choosing his films with sensitivity and commitment." At the ceremony, the "legend in his lifetime" watched a clip reel spanning the width and breadth of his career, including excerpts from *Dead Men Walking*, *Mystic River* and *Milk*.



Sean Penn stars in *The Gunman*, which opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

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Later the actor said, "I remember playing none of those scenes. I remembered the movies (but) I saw myself in scenes with actors I didn't even know I'd ever worked with!"

To jog Mr. Penn's memory here's a list of some of his memorable roles:

1. In *Milk*, Penn won a best actor Oscar playing the real-life Harvey Milk, a native New Yorker who became America's first openly gay man to be elected to public office. Penn fully embraces Milk,

from the thick New York accent that characterized his speech to the goofy grin that endeared the real-life activist to his supporters, both gay and straight.

2. This Must Be The Place is a rare thing. I speak of that elusive beast *Pennigma Seanun comedia* — the Sean Penn comedy. He plays a retired and world-weary American rock star living with his wife (Frances McDormand) in Ireland. This is Sean Penn like we've never seen him before. With poufy hair, black toenail polish and affected vocal cadence — like Andy Warhol on Quaaludes — he creates an intriguing, strange character.

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3. In Hollywood dramedy *Hurly Burly*, Penn played against type as Eddie, the hyperactive casting agent. It's an emotionally raw performance — witness Eddie try and use cocaine to snort away his troubles — but one without the studied glumness that he frequently brings to the screen.

4. *Fair Game* could be retitled *One Hundred Minutes of Sean Penn Yelling 'If We Don't Tell the Truth No One Will!'* He's Joseph Wilson, the real-life whistleblower who claimed the Bush administration falsified information about the existence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. Penn is passionate, crafting a performance so big it has its own gravitational pull.

5. Finally there's *All The King's Men*, a movie memorable for all the wrong reasons. Penn is a fine actor, but as Willie Stark, (loosely based on Louisiana governor Huey P. Long) he is so over the top it's as if he's acting in a different movie than the rest of the cast. It's a vein-popping, arm-waving performance that suggests that maybe he should lay off the Red Bull.

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Typecasting makes Sean Penn cranky

Movies. The actor of a certain age follows in the footsteps of Harrison Ford and Liam Neeson with *Gunman* — just don't tell him that

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Sean Penn is just trying to promote his new film, *The Gunman*, but people keep bringing up the Oscars and that whole “green card” joke he made when *Birdman* won Best Picture.

“I’m always surprised by flagrant stupidity. I keep having more hope,” he says.

“I have absolutely no apologies. In fact, I have a big f— you for anybody who is so stupid not to have gotten the irony when you’ve got a country that is so xenophobic. If they had their way, you wouldn’t have great filmmakers like Alejandro (Gonzalez Inarritu) working in this country. Thank God



Sean Penn stars in *The Gunman*. CONTRIBUTED

we do.”

As for critics who lambasted the actor for insensitivity on the immigration issue, he has some even more direct words: “I think they can be a bit more cheerful,” Penn says with a

shrug. “I think what’s most offensive is we’re attaching a protective sensibility to something which is meant to create self-censorship in people’s interactions.

“I think that when some-

body as special as Alejandro makes a film as special as *Birdman* was, that if he has a friend on stage, that maybe that friend wants to let him know that he won privately for a moment before the room

knows and he did, cause there was a history there. So I wanted him to know it first, and that’s who I was talking to, so I don’t give a f— about all those other people.”

But about *The Gunman*.

It’s directed by Pierre Morel, who made Liam Neeson an action star with *Taken*.

And given that Penn is also a respected actor of a certain age, natural comparisons have been drawn — not that he agrees with the assessment.

“I thought Harrison Ford made a whole career on this stuff and I didn’t think it was considered, like, a new trend or anything like that — what I call geriatric,” Penn says.

“But there are aspects of this that have nothing to do with that, also. Admittedly there’s a tremendous amount of action, one can’t say it’s not an action movie, but it’s a different kind of movie also because it’s not a ‘wink at the audience’ movie. This is more straight.”

But action is action, and Penn, who got in impressive shape for the film — a shape he shows off by ditching his

shirt whenever possible — didn’t escape entirely without injuries.

“Little ones,” he admits. “We got away without anything serious happening. There was an extraordinarily achy body at the end of the film, but that’s accumulative.”

Even if *The Gunman* enjoys *Taken* levels of success, he’s not necessarily eyeing a franchise, and not just because of the aches and pains.

“I’ve never looked at a movie as beyond a movie, and in that case I wouldn’t allow myself to think about that.

“I hope the best for this movie, we worked hard, a lot of people have worked hard and invested in this. I got projects I want to direct and that’s what I want to focus on.”

Of course, ask him immediately after he’s finished filming, and he’d tell you he’ll never make another movie again, sequel or no sequel.

“I think if I can remember what it feels like after it’s done, that I would never do it again,” Penn admits. “But it’s a perishable awareness.”

Ethan Hawke finds new groove

Ethan Hawke is busy, and loving it. Reached from the New York set of the romantic comedy *Maggie’s Plan*, the *Boyhood* and *Before Midnight* star says he’s been working more than ever these days — in film, theatre, and for the first time ever, as a documentary director.

His first non-fiction project is “Seymour: An Introduction,” a portrait of 87-year-old classical pianist Seymour Bernstein.

After seeing this documentary I wondered if spending time with Seymour in some way

ignited all your activity?

It’s hard to separate the elements of your life. A few years ago was a much darker time for me.... You know, I’ve been professionally acting since I was 12 so my relationship to it is constantly evolving and needs to change. And it’s a combination of having a new attitude towards it and new opportunities. One of the most frustrating things about acting is that you’re only ever as good as your opportunities.

I can see why you were so fas-

inated by Seymour when you met. What year was that?

I think it was about four years ago. I’m 44 and I remember meeting when I had just turned 40.

Was that part of your anxiety, the age?

Definitely. You know, I’d always been the youngest at everything I’d ever done. Dead Poets Society came out, I was 18 years old and my whole identity was that of a young person. And now all of a sudden I’m the father of four, I’m

expected to know everything and it was kind of the first time in my life I really started feeling anxiety....

The older you get, the humbler you get, the more life kind of rips you open and the more responsible you feel — both to your art and to the audience’s time and wanting to do a good job.... Sometimes the harder you try to hit a baseball, the more you miss and the same metaphor applies to all of life. And that’s really what Seymour espouses, that a lot of that anxiety is created by pre-



Director Ethan Hawke and pianist Seymour Bernstein. GETTY

tending you don’t have anxiety. Just kind of living in the truth of it all helps everything flow.

Sounds like Seymour changed your life.

You know what he would say: I’ve changed him. We kind of ran into each other like a couple of molecules. He likes to say, ‘I’m a movie star at 88!’

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The Gunman

Director. Pierre Morel

Stars. Sean Penn, Idris Elba

The Gunman, the new action thriller from Pierre Morel, the director of Taken, stars Sean Penn, Javier Bardem, Idris Elba, Ray Winstone and Mark Rylance.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 17% Audience: +90%

Adventure/Sci-Fi



The Divergent Series: Insurgent

Director. Robert Schwentke

Stars. Shailene Woodley, Theo James

In this thrilling and nail-biting entry in the Divergent series, Tris and Four seek refuge outside the city with the Amity faction. They convene with other Divergents and exiled survivors, and plot to fight back against the warmongering Dauntless and despot Jeanine Matthews.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: No reviews yet Audience: +75%

Sci-Fi & Fantasy/Romance



Cinderella

Director. Kenneth Branagh

Stars. Lily James, Cate Blanchett

Cate Blanchett stars in this new vision of the Cinderella tale from director Kenneth Branagh and the screenwriting team of Chris Weitz and Aline Brosh McKenna for Disney Pictures.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 88% Audience: +98%

Drama/Comedy



Wild Tales

Director. Damián Szifron

Stars. Ricardo Darín, Leonardo Sbaraglia

Inequality, injustice and the demands of the world we live in cause stress and depression for many people. Some of them, however, explode. This is a movie about those people. Vulnerable in the face of a reality that shifts and suddenly turns unpredictable, the characters of Wild Tales cross the line that divides civilization and barbarism.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 92% Audience: 93%

Mystery/Suspense



Run All Night

Director. Jaume Collet-Serra

Stars. Liam Neeson, Natalie Martinez

Liam Neeson reunites with Unknown director Jaume Collet-Serra for this Warner Bros. thriller following a mob hit man and his estranged son (Joel Kinnaman) as they flee the wrath of a vengeful crime boss.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 59% Audience: +90%

Drama/Comedy



Loitering With Intent

Director. Adam Rapp

Stars. Ivan Martín, Michael Godere

When out-of-work-actors Raphael (Ivan Martín) and Dominic (Michael Godere) hustle a prominent New York producer into believing they've written a hot movie script, they have 10 days to deliver the goods or lose their last opportunity for a big break.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 33% Audience: 32%

Biopic. Disney Channel green lights movie about Little League sensation



Mo'ne Davis, who last summer made history as the first girl to pitch a shutout in the Little League World Series, is serving as a consultant on a Disney Channel movie set to be made about her life. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Little League pitching sensation Mo'ne Davis will be the subject of a Disney Channel movie.

The network says development is underway on the biographical film, titled Throw Like Mo. It will tell the story of the 13-year-old who last summer made history as the first girl to pitch a shutout in the Little League World Series.

A member of Philadel-

phia's Taney Dragons, Davis then became the first Little Leaguer to make the cover of Sports Illustrated magazine.

She will serve as a consultant on the movie, which she hopes will encourage viewers to believe that dreams can really come true.

Disney Channel didn't specify an airdate or cast. But Davis says she can't wait to get started.

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New projects

Sarah Polley tapped to pen Little Women adaptation

Little Women is set to make a return to the big screen with a new remake produced by Sony.

Oscar-nominated screenwriter Sarah Polley has been drafted to adapt Louisa May Alcott's classic post-Civil War American tale, according to The Hollywood Reporter.

The book was first published in 1868 and was most recently adapted for screen in 1994 in a version starring Kirsten Dunst and Claire Danes.

It follows the lives of four sisters Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy March.

Former Sony co-chairman Amy Pascal will act as producer. AFP

Sarah Polley
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The Breakfast Club.
After 30 years, breakout teen film's flaws exposed

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Make no mistake, for better or worse, late writer-director John Hughes was the titan of '80s teen angst, responsible for a slew of pictures that aimed to humorously examine the average American teenager while amassing much critical acclaim and box-office success

in the process.

But Hughes' magnum opus is, without question 1985's *The Breakfast Club*, a talky tale in which five misfit teens endure a day of Saturday detention together and ultimately realize that they're not so different after all.

Sure, the film is often funny and the then-young cast is game, with Anthony Michael-Hall, Ally Sheedy and Judd Nelson standouts with their expert comic timing and dramatic chops.

But for all its good intentions and repute, the hard truth is that *The Breakfast*

Club stands more today as an exercise in high camp than a realistic peek into high school life.

The fact that anyone once took it seriously at all is a potent indictment of just how shallow and naive the "me decade" truly was.

In honour of the film's

30th anniversary, Cineplex is bringing it back to theatres for two showings on March 21 and 25.

Here Metro takes a brief look at some of *The Breakfast Club*'s least appetizing elements — a list sure to offend those who grew up with the film.

Everyone's white

Hughes' previous film *Sixteen Candles* stands as one of the most racist teen films ever (Long Duck Dong, anyone?) so for *The Breakfast Club*, he decided to just paint the screen alabaster and call it a day.

Everyone here is white. And clean. And well-fed, and witty.

Including the faculty.

Sexual assault ain't funny

If *Sixteen Candles* had date rape played for laughs, the scene in which Nelson, hiding under Molly Ringwald's desk, eyeballing her crotch and biting down hard while she stifles her shock to save face, is equally wrong.

Designed to be lewdly amusing, it's just kind of unpleasant, with Hughes suggesting that Ringwald is only mildly annoyed by the incident, in turn painting Nelson as nothing more than a brat, rather than the criminal he is.



Get over it, kids!

These whiny, self-obsessed kids may have a few hang-ups, but suffering to the point of sympathy? Hardly. From Hall's suicide attempt after getting a bad grade in shop class, to Sheedy's dandruff, none of it rings true. Even troubled, boorish bad boy Judd Nelson somehow makes it to detention on time. The fact that Nelson even shows up to detention at all, single-handedly revokes his cartoonish anti-establishment status.

Emilio Estevez's dance

Add up the most cringe-inducing moments seen on screen in the '80s and all of them combined wouldn't come close to equalling the operatic shame of seeing a stoned Estevez break into the most awesomely idiotic dance in film history.

Said spastic herky-jerky is meant to signify Estevez's rebellion against the confines of his father's athletic expectations, or something.

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Carl the janitor spills tantalizing Breakfast Club secrets

Coming-of-age film's 30th anniversary.

Canadian actor takes us behind-the-scenes of the '80s teen classic

For anyone who grew up loving *The Breakfast Club*, take a look at the film today and see who you most identify with now, advises its Canadian co-star John Kapelos.

Thirty years after the teen drama introduced the world to a brain, an athlete, a basket case, a princess and a criminal, John Hughes's seminal coming-of-age film is marking its anniversary with a digitally remastered re-release hitting Canadian theatres on Saturday and March 25.

Fans revisiting the classic flick may find themselves looking differently at the film's two world-weary adults — Paul Gleason's bitter assistant principal Richard (Dick) Vernon and Kapelos's straight-talking Carl, the janitor.

"These movies are like

prisms, you can see them from different angles," says Kapelos, who notes that friends now tell him they identify most with Dick.

"Obviously, when you see them from a younger angle you go, 'Oh yeah, I'm totally Molly,' or 'I'm totally this.'"

Get the London, Ont. native reminiscing, and the stories flow easily — about forging a bond with Hughes that extended to roles on *16 Candles* and *Weird Science*; about spending eight years before that with *Second City* (where John Candy was his teacher); and going on to a diverse career in film and TV, with credits including *Transparent*, *Justified*, *The Republic of Doyle*, and *Forever Knight*.

For trivia fans, Kapelos offers up a couple of little known facts about *The Breakfast Club*:

1. On the cutting room floor is a lengthy monologue from Carl predicting where each of the kids would end up decades later

"Basically I told Molly, 'You're going to be a suburban mom driving a Ford,

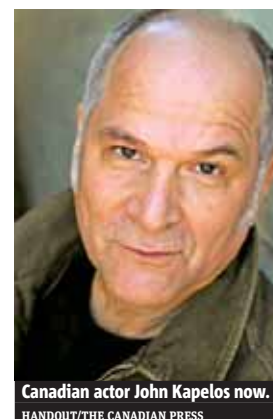


John Kapelos as Carl the janitor in 1985's *The Breakfast Club*. CONTRIBUTED

you're going to have stretch marks from here to Cleveland, five kids, unhappy, alcoholic.' And then I go to Michael, he's going to be a big lawyer, make big money.

(I say), 'You're going to work on Wall Street, be a big jerk, and you're going to have a big heart attack. Dead at 42.'

"OK, Judd, you're going to be a felon, you're going



Canadian actor John Kapelos now. HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

to be in Chino (prison) for five years, then you're going to go to (the) penitentiary ... Ally, you're going to be a loft artist. You're going to live off the kindness of others, you're never going to be happy. Your art will never be recognized and actually it won't be that good ...' (Hughes) would say, 'Too tough.'

2. Somewhere, there is a DVD full of *The Breakfast Club* outtakes

"Molly told me that Nancy Hughes, John's wife, has a

Carl was a last-minute gig

Production had already begun on *The Breakfast Club* when Kapelos got a call asking him to be in the movie.

- The last-minute gig apparently followed a controversial take on Carl by SCTV comic Rick Moranis, who took a few too many liberties according to Kirk Honeycutt's biography, *John Hughes: A Life in Film*.

DVD copy of the movie with all the extras that will never see the light of day," Kapelos says tantalizingly.

What is on it, exactly, could never be known. But given Hughes's penchant to shoot multiple takes and encourage off-script improvisations, there's a wealth of material to draw from, says Kapelos.

"When I see the movie, I just remember all those things that aren't in there."

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As an actor, two-time Academy Award winner Dustin Hoffman has created some indelible characters — Midnight Cowboy's Ratso Rizzo and Tootsie to name a couple — but from an early age he dreamed of being a professional pianist.

"I wanted to be a musician but I was never talented enough," he says, "so I'm not a musician. I have small hands — and by the way there is no correlation to your hands and personal parts — so I can't reach much more than an octave."

In the new film Boychoir he shows his musical side playing a choirmaster to a group of

talented youngsters.

As a young man, he studied classical piano, but when it became apparent he'd never turn pro, he tried his hand at acting.

"I had been flunking out of junior college and somebody said, 'Try acting. Nobody flunks acting.'"

Enrolling at the Pasadena Playhouse, he shared a room with Robert Duvall and studied with Gene Hackman.

"No one told me I was a good actor," he says. "No one told Gene, and there was a third person, Duvall. They are both much, much older than me. If someone was to say to the three of us in those early days that we were going to be successful, forget about being movie stars, everyone would have laughed. It's kind of a freak

accident that it happened to all three of us."

Hoffman's big break came in the form of Benjamin Braddock in The Graduate. Robert Redford was considered for the part, but director Mike Nichols rejected the traditionally handsome actor — "You can't play it," he told Redford. "You can never play a loser" — in favour of the unknown Hoffman. The Graduate made him a star and is now considered a classic, but almost 50 years later he remembers how the critics savaged his performance.

The barbs hurt at the time, but he doesn't let them get under his skin any more. "Critics are ... I shouldn't say," he laughs, "I don't know if anyone grows up saying, 'When I grow up, I want to be a critic.'"

Quoted

"I had been flunking out of junior college and somebody said, 'Try acting, Nobody flunks acting.'"

Dustin Hoffman



Dustin Hoffman plays a choirmaster in Boychoir. CONTRIBUTED

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Mexico's image-conscious government did not want the new James Bond film *Spectre* to feature a Mexican villain, according to leaked Sony emails. *Spectre* premieres later this year, on Nov. 6. CONTRIBUTED

Bond baddie couldn't be Mexican: Reports

Production. Mexican government offered tax breaks for filming *Spectre* in the country in exchange for a better image, according to leaked Sony emails

Mexico has plenty of murderous and eccentric drug lords, but its image-conscious government did not want the new James Bond film *Spectre* to feature a Mexican villain when 007 comes blazing into town.

Bond producer Michael Wilson acknowledged Wednesday that local authorities were concerned about seeing a Mexican cast as the bad guy when the movie starring Daniel Craig is shot in the country.

But he denied reports that the script was changed at the request of executives from Sony Pictures and MGM Studios, eager to save money after the government offered \$14 million in tax incentives in return for a better image.

The website taxanalysts.com, citing leaked Sony emails, reported that the requests for the script included

having an international leader assassinated instead of Mexico City's mayor, and that Bond's nemesis should not be Mexican.

"I think we never had the villain as Mexican so it wasn't something we had to change," Wilson said, acknowledging that it was among "some of the issues" authorities had raised. "The villain was always an Italian."

The government provided technical support, like getting permits to shoot in certain locations or advising on things such as which security force would be involved in certain situations, he said. "It's more like us asking questions and then discussing it with (Mexican authorities) than them demanding anything in the way of changing" the screenplay, he said.

"I know they want to see, they would love to see Mexico in a good light and we are not here to put Mexico in a bad light," Wilson said, refusing to confirm how much the government offered in tax incentives.

Wilson said a Mexican joint venture that was formed to support tourism helped filmmakers secure "financial and practical support," but he did not elaborate.

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Casting

Bond girl wasn't worried about her country's image

Stephanie Sigman, the first Bond Girl from Mexico, said she was never worried about how her country would be depicted in the film.

"I have made all kinds of movies, which look at good and bad sides, and I

think there are many layers in countries, situations and including in us as human beings," she said.

Wilson said producers always planned to have a Mexican Bond girl, denying reports that it was one of the government's demands.

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Mekhi Phifer is just along for the ride

Insurgent. The actor says he picks his roles based on what's good, plain and simple



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Years before Mekhi Phifer played the stern-faced Dauntless enforcement officer Max in this weekend's *The Divergent Series: Insurgent*, he displayed a dauntless attitude that got him his first acting job.

The year was 1994, the movie was Spike Lee's *Clockers* and over 1,000 people showed up for an open casting call.

"I went with my cousin," he says, "not knowing anything about the audition or open casting call process. Spike Lee auditioned me about seven or eight different times. I had to read with Harvey Keitel and Isaiah Washington and do improvisations. I had never done that type of stuff before so to have

gotten that was a whirlwind; I just thought that was the norm. That's how you cast movies — a thousand people come in."

He won the lead role and parlayed that into a string of memorable characters in movies like *8 Mile*, and TV shows like *ER*, where he played Dr. Greg Pratt for six seasons and the Dr. Who spinoff, the sci-fi series *Torchwood: Miracle Day*.

"I am a big fan of sci-fi," he says. "And that was part of the allure (to signing on for the *Divergent* series), but the other part was that it was good. I'm not looking for one particular genre or one particular type of film. I usually just gravitate towards what's good."

He plays Max, leader of Dauntless, the warrior bloc of a Big Brother-style government that has divided the post-apocalyptic Chicago into five factions. In the new film, his job is to hunt down and capture fugitives Tris (Shailene Woodley) and boyfriend Four (Theo James) because she is divergent — a person who cannot be pigeonholed into just one designation.

"He's not a villain at all in

No spoilers for Phifer

Phifer hasn't read the Veronica Roth books that make up the source material for the films. "For me it seemed like more fun to do the series and then read the books and compare." So he's not sure what's going to happen with his character, but he hopes Max comes back for next year's instalment, *Allegiant: Part 1*.

- "I don't know what's happening next, so I'm on the journey with the audience," he says. "I would love to see some of who he is come full circle."

any way, shape or form," he says. "He's tasked with protecting the society and I really feel that he believes in expunging the divergents and the rebel factions. He's not doing it in a malicious way. He's not getting pleasure from other people's pain. He looks at it as a necessary evil."



Mekhi Phifer plays Max in *The Divergent Series: Insurgent*, out this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

Insurgent's rebellious women break the action movie mould



Shailene Woodley stars in *The Divergent Series: Insurgent*. LIONSGATE

On the surface, *Insurgent*, with its dystopian setting and teenage heroine, might just seem like another by-the-numbers young adult tale.

Look a little closer and it's clear that this second instalment isn't merely capitalizing on a popular genre, but, with its half dozen female leads and supporting characters, actually represents a subtle subversion of what audiences have been taught action films should be.

When women lead up action-driven films and fran-

chises, it's usually one exceptional gal against the world. Here, they're all over the place, serving as leaders, radicals and rebels, each wildly diverse, complicated, charismatic and flawed in their own unique way. *Insurgent*, out Friday, picks up shortly after the events of the first film, and finds Tris (Shailene Woodley) exposed as a state-wanted "divergent," or someone who doesn't fit into the five designated factions, and on the run from Jeanine (Kate Winslet), the controlling, ruthless leader

whose goal is to extradite Tris's kind from the society.

On a path to self-actualization, Tris encounters a number of adults hoping to mould her in their image, including franchise newcomers Johanna (Octavia Spencer), the stoic Amity leader with the mysterious scar on her face, and Evelyn (Naomi Watts), a factionless revolutionary with cryptic motives.

Credit for populating the world with strong female characters goes to author Veronica Roth, who saw *Insurgent* as a chance to really flesh out the

environment around Tris.

"It was very intentional for me that most of the leaders in Tris's world would be women, and not necessarily the good guys all the time," said Roth on a recent afternoon in Los Angeles.

"I think it's equally important to have female villains. When people notice that there's not a lot of representation in a particular area they try to make those characters holy symbols that are pure and good. That does a disservice to women." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Appetizer. Celebrate the new season with this Sesame and Maple Appetizer Bread



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Want to take maple syrup in a savoury direction? Do it with this recipe that honours Canada's most beloved export.

Dough

1. In a bowl, combine the water and maple syrup. Set aside.

2. In bowl with a wooden spoon, combine flour, yeast and salt. Add the water mixture and combine into a soft ball. Knead the dough for about 3 minutes

Ingredients

Dough

- 1/2 cup (125 ml) warm water
- 1/2 tsp (1 1/2 ml) maple syrup
- 1 1/4 cups (175 g) unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp instant dry yeast
- 1 tsp salt

Topping

- 1/4 cup (35 g) toasted sesame seeds
- Freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) olive oil
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) maple syrup
- Fleur de sel



This recipe serves eight. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

on a floured surface.

3. Place dough in clean and lightly oiled bowl. Coat dough with the oil. Cover bowl with damp cloth and leave in a warm and moist place for about 1 hour or until the dough has doubled in volume.

Topping

1. On a work surface sprinkled

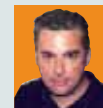
with sesame seeds, roll half of the dough at a time into an 8-inch (20 cm) disc, taking care to coat with sesame seeds. Sprinkle pepper on each side of the dough and press lightly to make it adhere.

2. In a non-stick skillet over medium heat, brown 1 bread at a time in half the oil for about 2 minutes on each side. Add 1 tbsp

of maple syrup and caramelize one side of the bread. Flip the bread on a cutting board. Cut in half and then cut into 1/2-inch (1.5 cm) strips. Sprinkle with salt. Clean the pan before cooking the second bread. Serve with a glass of cider or beer. FOLLOW RICARDO ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND ON RICARDOCUISINE.COM OR SUBSCRIBE TO HIS MAGAZINE'S ENGLISH EDITION, WHICH LAUNCHED IN 2014.

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My calendar lies.

It says that today is the first day of spring. Out my window here in Nova Scotia, it's beginning to look a lot more like Christmas.

Even with snow on the ground, I'm embracing the change of seasons by diving into a glass of something white, ripe and fruity.

Though fruitier reds have hogged the spotlight of late, there's nothing like a bright, floral white when it comes to expressing the liquid personality of spring.

Argentina's Torrontés grape is a highly aromatic berry that smells so good you'd almost be tempted to dab a little behind each ear.

Sometimes all that perfume can be a bit much, so it's often blended with other grapes to soften the assault on your nasal passages.

While Fuzion's 2013 Alta Torrontés Pinot Grigio (\$9.95 - \$12.99) still smells great, the addition of a touch of fresh, citrusy Pinot Grigio brings out the fleshy pear and stone fruit of the Torrontés.

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Senators goalie Andrew Hammond makes a pad save against Torey Krug of the Boston Bruins on a pass from teammate Loui Eriksson on Thursday night at Canadian Tire Centre. JANA CHYTILOVA/FREESTYLE PHOTOGRAPHY/GETTY IMAGES

Sens claw closer to Bruins with wild win

NHL. With a game in hand, Ottawa pulls to within two points of Boston for East's final wild-card spot

Bobby Ryan scored the game winner to give the Ottawa Senators a 6-4 win over the Boston Bruins Thursday night.

With the win, the Senators find themselves just two points back of the Bruins for the final Wild Card spot in the Eastern Conference with a game in hand.

On Thursday

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Senators

Bruins

Kyle Turris, with two goals, Milan Michalek, David Legwand and Jean-Gabriel Pageau also scored for the Senators (35-24-11). Andrew Hammond, making his fifth straight start, improved his record to 12-0-1 in his first 13 NHL starts as he faced 35 shots.

Ottawa native Ryan Spooner led the Bruins (36-24-11) with two goals, while Carl Soderberg and Torey Krug also scored. Tuukka Rask faced 32 shots as Boston dropped its third straight outing.

With the game tied 4-4, Ryan brought the sold out crowd of 19,270 to its feet as he scored to give Ottawa a one-goal lead midway through the third period.

Ryan put a shot on goal and the rebound deflected in off of Boston's Zdeno Chara.

Turris added an empty-net goal to seal the win.

Tied 2-2 to start the second, Legwand gave Ottawa the lead

as he converted on a great pass from Erik Condra.

The Bruins tied it back up midway through the period as they made the most of a two-man advantage. Spooner scored his second of the game, putting an end to Hammond's streak of consecutive games having allowed two or fewer goals, but the Senators came right back and Pageau scored shorthanded to give Ottawa a 4-3 lead.

However, the Bruins tied the game yet again on Krug's goal at the 13-minute mark to end the period 4-4.

This was the final regular-season meeting between the two teams. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

NHL

Price helps Habs shut down Canes

Carey Price made 31 saves for his league-leading and career-best 39th win of the season as the Montreal Canadiens beat the visiting Carolina Hurricanes 4-0 on Thursday.

Price also earned his eighth shutout of the campaign.

Dale Weise, Brendan Gallagher, David Desharnais and Max Pacioretty scored for the Canadiens (45-20-7). **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Curling

Jones gets short layoff before Page playoff

Canada closed out round-robin play at the world women's curling championship on Thursday with an 8-5 win over hosts Japan in a tune-up for the Page playoff 1-2 game.

Winnipeg skip Jennifer Jones and teammates Kaitlyn Lawes, Dawn McEwen and Jill Officer finished with a 9-2 record, good for second place behind Switzerland's Alina Patz (10-1). Jones and Patz will get a day off Friday before meeting in Saturday's playoff with a berth in the gold-medal game on the line.

"The way the draw was set up and because we have to stay at the rink all day, it makes for really long days, so it's nice to have a break," said Jones. "We'll just hang out in Japan — we love it here. And I love where the team is at right now. I can't think of a better group of girls to play with." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Matthew Wuest, Metro reporter, CapGeek founder, dies of cancer



Matthew Wuest METRO FILE

Matthew Wuest poured his heart into his work.

The former Metro Halifax sports reporter and CapGeek founder was always the one writing the stories, often shying away from having stories written about him.

Wuest died during the early morning hours Thursday at Victoria General Hospital in Halifax, wife Melanie Patten by his side, following a two-and-a-half year battle with colon cancer.

While he was never one to have the media spotlight

shining his way, Wuest's story is one that deserves to be told.

"He was just a great guy who really loved what he did," Metro Halifax managing editor Philip Croucher said Thursday. "I've never seen anyone do it better."

Wuest was dedicated to doing the best possible job, yet was never satisfied with the end result.

The Stanley, N.B., native was always trying to better himself, whether covering local sports such as the Halifax Mooseheads, Halifax Rain-

men and Atlantic University Sport for his full-time job with Metro, or developing what became one of the most popular online hockey resources out there, a side gig ran out of the "CapGeek offices," his north-end Halifax home.

"There were days I'd wonder how he would get stories and information, he was so connected to the sports world, both nationally and internationally," said Croucher, who also worked with Wuest at defunct Halifax newspaper The Daily News.

Wuest was a humble soul, happy to collect the facts and conduct interviews, and as his recent quiet shutting down of CapGeek shows, apt to stay out of headlines himself.

"He didn't go for the attention that he could have gotten through that site," Croucher said of CapGeek.

"He was able to do that, and still without question, be the best sports reporter in Halifax — that speaks volumes to the talent that he was."

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Day 1 belongs to NCAA giant killers

March Madness.

No. 3 seeds Baylor and Iowa State go down in tournament's first games

Baylor was in complete control, and then it fell apart in the final three minutes. It was quite the surprise for coach Scott Drew.

No. 3 seed Baylor was unable to handle Georgia State's full-court defensive pressure down the stretch and lost 57-56 on R.J. Hunter's long three-pointer in the closing seconds of their NCAA Tournament game on Thursday.

Rico Gathers' two foul shots with 2:54 left put Baylor up by 12, but the



Georgia State's R.J. Hunter strokes the game-winning three-pointer over Baylor's Lester Medford on Thursday in Jacksonville, Fla.

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Brackets busted

0.7%

Between the Panthers' upset of Baylor and UAB's takedown of Iowa State, two No. 3 seeds falling that quickly on the tournament's first big day left almost every bracket blemished.

ESPN says that three games into Thursday, more than 99 per cent of the brackets submitted on their website were damaged by the upsets. That leaves only about 87,000 out of 11.6 million still with a perfect bracket or 0.7 per cent.

2.7 seconds left capped the comeback for No. 14 seed Georgia State and knocked his proud father, coach Ron Hunter, right off his seat.

Pesky Georgia State (25-9) forced three crucial turnovers as Hunter scored nine in a row during the closing surge, including a three-pointer that brought chants of "R.J. 3! R.J. 3! R.J. 3!" from Panthers fans at the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena.

The junior guard's steal and layup trimmed Baylor's lead to 56-53, and he drained another NBA-range three for the win after the Bears' Kenny Chery, from Montreal, missed the front end of a 1-and-1 that could have put the game away.

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On the web

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Georgia State Panthers fans cheer before their team's upset win over Baylor on Thursday in Jacksonville, Fla.

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William Lee of the UAB Blazers reacts after a bucket against the Iowa State Cyclones in Louisville, Ky. No. 14 UAB upset three-seed Iowa State 60-59.

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A Longhorns cheerleader performs during Texas' 56-48 loss to the Butler Bulldogs in Pittsburgh.

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Kevon Looney of UCLA shoots a free throw during the Bruins' 60-59 upset over the Southern Methodist Mustangs in Louisville. ANDY LYONS/GETTY IMAGES



A member of the Texas Southern Tigers band performs before Thursday's game against the Arizona Wildcats in Portland, Ore. The No. 2 seed Wildcats overwhelmed No. 15 seed Texas Southern 93-72. JONATHAN FERREY/GETTY IMAGES



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♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

The Sun moves into your sign today and a new solar year begins. Just how good that year will be depends on the things you do over the next few days.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

If someone blames you for something that was not your fault, let them know you are not happy about it, but don't go and make an enemy of them.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

According to the planets you need to ignore other people's advice and go back to basics. Start by asking yourself how and why you have arrived at your current position.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

The Sun moves into the area of your chart that governs your social and professional status today. Over the next few weeks you will get many opportunities to better yourself.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Something you thought of as a problem won't be seen as such any more because you refuse to take it seriously. Your attitude will soften over the next day.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Over the past few weeks the emphasis has been on partnerships of an emotional nature but as of today it will shift to partnerships of a business or financial nature.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

The Sun's change of signs today means you are halfway through your solar year: a good point to look back and take stock of how far you have come.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

With the Sun moving into the work and wellbeing area of your chart today you'll need to do more in some areas and less in others. Get the balance right.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Refuse to settle for second best. Your confidence will soar over the next few days and you will start to believe that anything is possible. One of the best times of the year is about to begin.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

There is no such thing as coincidence and if you feel yourself drawn towards a certain person it is because your fates are connected.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Now that the Sun is moving into one of the more sociable areas of your chart you won't have any problems getting across your point of view.

♓ Pisces

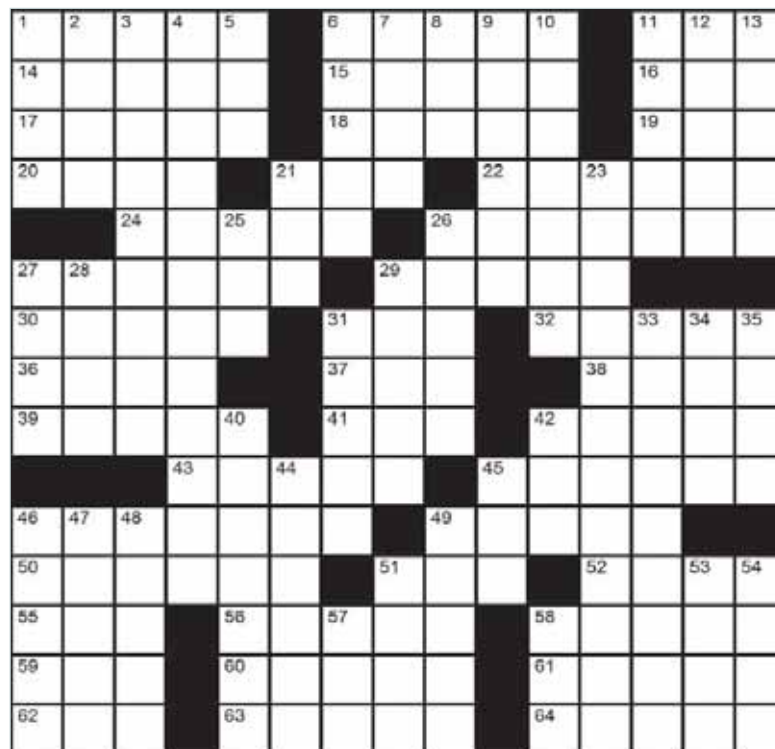
Feb. 20 - March 20

Get serious about your dreams. Look at the plans you have made in recent weeks and ask yourself if you are aiming too high or too low. Most likely it's the latter. Raise your sights and your game will follow.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. Spot ___ (BC shrimp)
6. Orange variety
11. Tea holder
14. Second-year students, briefly
15. Perry ___ (Menswear label)
16. Completely
17. "___ by Sea" (1996)
18. Novelist Evelyn
19. Electronics co.
20. Shaker stuff
21. Zoologist's 'foot'
22. Protector-from-harm charm
24. Bubbled tool
26. Edmund Fitzgerald's load: 2 wds. (More at #4-Down)
27. Financial motive
29. ___ ___ (Multiple choice options)
30. Altercation: 2 wds.
31. "___ Maria"
32. "Frozen" (2013) Queen's
36. Cuckoos
37. Sea: French
38. "___ blame." (My bad!)
39. OKs
41. Cartoonist Mr. Spiegelman
42. Wings hit: letter + wd.
43. Creature
45. Typing: It's to a Q's left: 2 wds.
46. NFLD: Cape ___
47. Ecological Reserve
49. Venture
50. Key in again



51. Bulg. neighbour
52. Justin Bieber's "That Should ___"
55. 'Thrice'-meaning prefix
56. "___ Was a Lady" (1945)
58. Philadelphia athlete

59. ___ crossroads
60. Mythical maiden
61. West Yorkshire city in England
62. Elle: English
63. Dallas' state denizen
64. Actor Mr. Davis

Down

1. Calif. clock settings
2. Seating near the stage: wd. + letter
3. Ms. Kotero of "Purple Rain" (1984)
4. "The searchers all say they'd have made ___ if..." - Gordon

- Lightfoot
5. Banking acronym
6. "Foolish Games" singer
7. Unluckily
8. Bug
9. The Marriage of ___ by Mozart, 1786
10. Canadian actor

- Shawn
11. Gambling destination, with Monte
12. Gastric trouble
13. Dish
21. Kibbles eater
23. Cirque of the ___ (Northwest Territories mountaineering challenge)
25. Mr. Diesel
26. French composer Jacques
27. Talk to God
28. Germanic letter
29. Deflect
31. Stockpile
33. Brigitte Bardot makeup look: 2 wds.
34. Dip ___ in (Test the lake's coldness)
35. ___ Music Canada
40. ___ Mounds (Approx. 2000-year-old burial site near Peterborough, Ontario)
42. Honking source
44. "___, Captain!"
45. Mr. Arnold
46. Miss: Spanish [abbr. plural]
47. Zipper bits
48. ___ (Alberta peak named after Arctic explorer John)
49. Alpine dry wind
51. Kelly of daytime
53. ___spa
54. Celtic language
57. Rapper/actor known by these three letters
58. Andy Capp's wife

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

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5	7	3	4	9	6	8	1	2
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9	4	8	3	6	5	1	2	7
6	5	7	2	1	8	9	3	4
1	3	2	9	4	7	5	8	6
3	1	5	6	2	9	7	4	8
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